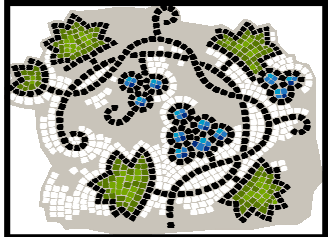




THE GRAPEVINE



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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6, 2017, 6 pm
Stoneridge Creek

\$25 for
AAUW Members & Guests

\$5 for AAUW members residing @ Stoneridge Creek and their resident guests

Reservations MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY Nov. 28
Space if Limited. No Exceptions

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Board Meeting
Wednesday, December
13 @ 1:30 pm @ Anita
Massey

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Happy Holidays. Can you believe that 2017 is almost over?

AAUW California has begun a new program, Branch BINGO, to keep us focused on mission based activities. Some of the squares will be easy to check off because we have already done them, such as "Send 2 members to a fund lunch." Others are new but easy, such as "Have 10 branch members "Like" the AAUW California Facebook page".

If you do this – please let Chris Alesso know. Chris has agreed to coordinate our BINGO card. There are 2 rounds of the game, October-December and then January-March. The link to the cards is here so you can see the possibilities: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/branch-bingo/>. More about this on Page 8.

On December 6, we will again be holding our holiday gathering at Stoneridge Creek in Pleasanton. This year we are opening the event to spouses and other guests. The event is a popular one so **please** get your reservation and check in early. There will be food, wine and the opportunity to participate in a white elephant exchange. Those always leave me a bit nervous, what if I really get a white elephant? Where could I keep it and what would I feed it...?

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, or just friends and family I hope you can use and enjoy the following recipe.

Recipe for a Happy Holiday

(author unknown)

4 cups of good memories

2 Tablespoons of JOY

1 cup of relaxation

3 Teaspoons of anticipation

A dash of faith

2 ½ cups of "jolly" beans

A splash of eggnog

1 Barrel of good cheer

An assortment of good friends & loving family

Preparation:

Take good memories and joy, mix thoroughly

Add relaxation

Blend anticipation and faith

Fold in "jolly" beans and eggnog

Sprinkle abundantly with good cheer

Garnish with friends and family

Bake with love

Serving size: Makes enough to last the whole year!

I hope to see all of you at the holiday party and we'll talk again in the new year.

Anita

MEMBERSHIP CORNER Marilyn Duman (membership@aauw-lpd.org) 426-1055



I look forward to seeing you at our holiday party on December 6 at Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community. You will find details in this newsletter.

In addition, Marilyn Barbao has a new address:

Barbao, Marilyn

See you in 2018!
Marilyn Duman

More information about our holiday dinner:

We'll be in the Granada Room at Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community on Wednesday, December 6 from 5:30-8:00 pm. Dinner will consist of appetizers, choice of three entrees, salad, dessert, hot or cold beverages, and bread/rolls.

Please register at the kiosk as you enter. Ask the kiosk guard where you may park if all the parking at the Clubhouse is occupied. Try to car pool since the parking is limited.



COFFEE "AND"

Thursday, December 7

We meet at Sweet and Savory (corner of Stoneridge & Gibraltar Drives) in Pleasanton on the first Thursday of the month. All members are welcome. Bring your friends & prospective members, too.

WHAT: A social time for all AAUW LPD members & guests.

WHEN: Thursday, December 7 at 10 AM

WHERE: Sweet and Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Dr. Pleasanton

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

We meet for conversation, visiting, good food, general camaraderie and some brainstorming on the first Tuesday of each month at 828 Main in Pleasanton

WHEN: Tuesday, December 5 @ 6 pm

WHERE: 828 Main Street, Pleasanton



The Tech Trek Committee is delighted to welcome three new members as we launch into the 2017-18 camp year. Tina Amber, JoAnn Houk, and Sal Tomkins join veteran committee members Dot Bishop, Karen Cowan, Charlene Grandfield, Carol Kinnard, Anita Massey, and Wendy Ping. We're gearing up for the start of our selection process for our 2018 campers, preparing the materials that will go to the schools in January.

Branch Coordinator Wendy Ping attended the annual Camp Curie Branch Coordinators meeting in Foster City on November 18, where energy for Tech Trek ran high and many ideas were shared among the branches.

If you are making your end-of-the-year donations, please consider Tech Trek! We're again hoping to send 8 or 9 girls, but we still have a way to go in raising enough funds to realize that goal.

Best way to donate is via check, made out to **AAUW-CA SPF**, with "LPD Camp Curie" on the memo line. Mail to: AAUW-LPD, P. O. Box 661, Livermore, CA 94551. All donations are fully tax-deductible (tax ID# 68-0463071).

More thank yous from our favorite girls, the Tech Trek Campers of 2017!



I would like to thank you for giving me such an unforgettable experience. This week I've been taught many things, teachings I'll take with me everywhere I go. I've also enjoyed speaking to inspiring women in the STEM area. I'm really interested in becoming a neural surgeon. This camp has really inspired me to reach for my goals.

Thank you so much for choosing me to go to Tech Trek! Before I went to the camp, I wasn't sure what field I want to study that involves math and science, but during camp, I was introduced to computer coding. Throughout this camp, I have learned the basics of coding and after the camp I want to become more familiar with it so that I can involve coding in my future career. I also liked that guest speakers came to us to talk about their jobs and experiences and Tech Trekkers could ask them questions. Thank you so much for the opportunity to gain more experiences, make a lot of new friends and memories that will stick with me forever!.

LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) Adopts Three New Cases

The 2017 AAUW LAF Committee and AAUW Board of Directors recently voted to adopt three new cases that have the potential to change the legal landscape for women and girls.

Portz v. St. Cloud State University and Minnesota State College and University Systems

“Title IX was enacted to achieve equality in all aspects of collegiate athletic participation, and unfortunately this has not been accomplished at St. Cloud State University. We are fully committed to ensuring this changes for the women’s tennis team, the women’s Nordic ski team, and all of the women’s sports teams at SCSU.” — Donald Chance Mark Jr. of Fafinski Mark & Johnson

In *Portz*, St. Cloud State University has been accused of denying women student athletes equal opportunity to participate in sports and manipulating rosters to avoid violating Title IX while still cutting back on women student athletes’ opportunities.

Spencer v. Virginia State University

“This sacrifice and struggle is not just about me. It is for every woman, in every discipline, who has worked her ass off to ‘become’ and still faced oppression, discrimination, and disregard. May a victory here illuminate a wider path to equality within the tradition of academia.” — Zoe Spencer, Ph.D., plaintiff in *Spencer*

When professor Zoe Spencer, Ph.D., learned that two men hired as associate professors started at significantly higher salaries than those of women professors at all ranks, she asked for a raise; her request was denied.

Robb v. Lock Haven

“We commend the Lock Haven women for their courage in taking action to bring their university into compliance with Title IX after it failed to provide its female students with equitable athletic opportunities for decades.” — Attorneys for *Robb v. Lock Haven* Terry L. Fromson and Amal Bass of Women’s Law Project and Kathleen Yurchak of Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak

The eight student athletes in *Robb* allege that their university violated Title IX, failed to add a women’s athletic team since 1994, and has not elevated women’s club teams to the varsity level despite requests, interest, and ability.

Sexual abuse is very much in the news today. If you are interested in doing some research, Gretchen Carlson’s new book *Be Fierce* describes her experiences as well as the stories of other women fighting this battle. One on the women who tells her story is Nathalie Gosset, whose case is currently being supported by our Legal Advocacy Fund. Gosset’s story can also be found on our National website: www.aauw.org



INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Co-Chairs: Nancy Rensink &
Fern Corley

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The Duplicate Bridge Group usually meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

There is no Duplicate Bridge in December.
See you on January 30, 2018 @ Fern's.



MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 21 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: *Hillbilly Elegy*

AUTHOR: J.D. Vance

This is our annual cookie exchange.

HOSTESS &

REVIEWER: Mary Ann Karlsen



MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Group Chair: Marti Silva

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The Monday Night Bridge Group meets
the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month @ 7 pm.

DATE Monday, Dec. 11 @ 7 pm
Sally Stock

DATE: No Meeting on Christmas Day!

See you on January 8 at Carol G's.



EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Connie Squires

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DATE: Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 pm

BOOK: *Ordinary Grace*

AUTHOR: William Kent Krueger

REVIEWER: Mary Ann Karlsen

HOSTESS &

CO-HOSTESS: Mary Ann Karlsen



AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org

NO MEETING ON DEC. 11

**Even though no meeting in December,
the book is:**

BOOK: *The Daughter of Time*

AUTHOR: Josephine Tey

DATE: JANUARY 8 @ 1 pm

BOOK: **HEADSTRONG: 52 Women Who
Changed Science and the
World**

AUTHOR: Rachel Swaby

HOSTESS: T.B.A.



Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk

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We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of
each month. Contact JoAnn if interested.

INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)**DINING AROUND**

Group Chair :Vicki-Dawn Rader
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DATE: No Meeting in December
 See you in January with hostess Noma Foss.

**SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES**

Group Chair: Sandie Brown
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DATE: Friday, December 15 @ 6 pm

WHERE: De La Torre's Trattoria
 6025 West Las Positas, Pleasanton

RSVP: Contact Sandie by the 13th

**OUR NEW DISCUSSION GROUP**

Our new discussion group will meet on the second Thursday of the month at Sweet and Savory at 10 am.

Right now we are sharing dialogue about the process of appointing Federal judges and finding that it is surprisingly political.



Our annual Bocce/Lunch/
 Tech Trek Week will be held
 January 29 to Feb. 4, 2018 at
 Campo Di Bocce in Livermore.

The bocce play and lunch will be on
 Wednesday, January 31. The Tech
 Trek fund raiser bowl will be out that
 whole week for your receipts.



AAUW FUND Nancy Rensink
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Through the end of September our branch has donated over \$3,700 to the fund. If you are planning to make an "end of the year" donation, consider making AAUW FUND one of them.

After attending the AAUW FUND luncheon in October we were so impressed by the Fellowship and Grant recipients.

Thank you for supporting them!

From AAUW California: BINGO ANYONE?

Get your Bingo daubers ready!

The Program Committee is excited to launch a fun new interactive activity that will celebrate your branch's efforts to fulfill the AAUW mission.

Mobilize your members to complete the items on a Bingo card and everyone will be a winner: your members, your community and the women and girls you inspire.

How the game works

1. There are two rounds of play that end with a grand prize and acknowledgment at the State Convention in April. The first is October-December.
2. Complete a traditional BINGO in each round by completing activities that are in a straight (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) line on the card.

Report your results when you have achieved a bingo.

The fine print:

- You can participate in one or both rounds. You will be entered into the grand prize drawing for each round that you complete.
- One entry per branch per round.

Activities must occur in the round and reported by the end of the round.

Submit your results online



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

STEAM Divas


AAUW-LPD/Expanding Your Horizons Collaboration Committee

Co-Chairs: Wendy Ping and Mekena Metcalf

The STEAM Divas Committee met in November to celebrate the successful event in September and begin to plan "what's next". Stay tuned in January for opportunities for YOU to get involved with this fun project as we take it forward.

One of the objectives of our pilot event was to produce a template or model, that could be used by other AAUW branches wishing to collaborate with local Expanding Your Horizons programs. Two Northern CA branches, Napa and Mid-Peninsula (formerly San Carlos), have already expressed an interest in putting on a similar program, and we have been delighted to share our template and documentation with those branches.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2017-2018

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
Nov. 28	Deadline for RSVP	Holiday Dinner		
Dec. 5	Cocktails & Conversations	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Dec. 6	Holiday Dinner	Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Dec. 7	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Dec. 11	Afternoon Books	NO MEETING		
Dec. 11	Monday Night Bridge	Sally Stock	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Dec. 13	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey	1:30 pm	Livermore
Dec. 13	Evening Books	Mary Ann Karlsen	7:30 pm	Livermore
Dec. 14	New Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Dec. 15	Solo Dining	De La Torre's Restaurant	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Dec. 18	Grapevine Deadline	for January edition		
Dec. 21	Morning Books	Cookie Exchange @ Mary Ann Karlsen	9:30 am	Livermore
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas!			
Dec. 26	Duplicate Bridge	No Bridge Tonight		
Jan. 1, 2018	HAPPY NEW YEAR!			
Jan. 13	Make a Difference Day (more info coming)	Pleasanton City Library	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 29-Feb.4	Tech Trek Fund Raiser	Campo di Bocce		Livermore
Jan. 31	Bocce Play/Luncheon	Campo Di Bocce	10:30/11:30	Livermore
Apr. 27-29	CA AAUW Convention	Irvine Marriott		Irvine, CA





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By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

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Submit all articles (email or in writing) (hopefully formatted) to Carol for the January Grapevine
by December 18 or sooner